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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US CARRIERS FINAL SCHEDULE FILINGS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAY 21, 1970 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FILE THE FINAL SUMMER SCHEDULES OF PAA, SEABOARD AND TWA BY JANUARY 31, 1975 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY. PAA, SEABOARD AND TWA REPRESENTATIVES IN ITALY WILL PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF THE SCHEDULES. NOTE: PAA AND SEABOARD FINAL SCHEDULES ARE IDENTICAL TO THEIR PRELIMINARY SCHEDULES. TWA'S FINAL SCHEDULE IS IDENTICAL TO ITS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE WITH REGARD TO US-ITALY TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE BUT SOME FIFTH FREEDOM SECTORS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED. THESE FINAL SCHEDULES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE DEPENDING ON CAB DISPOSITION OF THE PAA/TWA ROUTE EXCHANGE PROPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE, TWA'S DAILY WASHINGTON-ROME SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED VIA EITHER FRANKFURT OR PARIS DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ROUTE EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

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THE EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY OF POSSI-

BLE CHANGES IN THE FINAL SCHEDULES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CAB ACTION ON THE EXCHANGE PROPOSAL AND ENLIST GOVERNMENT OF ITALY UNDERSTANDING THAT UNDER THESE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THE NORMAL ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WILL BE WAIVED.

2. WE NOTE THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN ABOUT THE LEVEL OF CAPACITY PLANNED FOR THE 1975 SUMMER SEASON (PARA 3 REFTEL B). THE COLLECTIVE CHANGES RESULT IN MORE EFFECTIVE CAPACITY, I.E., NONSTOP, AND MORE CONCENTRATED SERVICE, ESPECIALLY AT THE NEW YORK GATEWAY. FOR EXAMPLE, ALITALIA'S 1975 SUMMER SCHEDULE SHOWS A 19.3 PERCENT CAPACITY DECREASE OVERALL BUT ITS NEW YORK-ROME CAPACITY IS INCREASING BY 41.7 PERCENT, DUE TO A NEW PATTERN OF NEW YORK-MILAN-ROME FLIGHTS. WHILE WE BELIEVE THE COMBINED CARRIER'S CAPACITY IS ACCEPTABLE, WE ALSO BELIEVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME FURTHER REFINEMENTS MAY BE POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD TWA PLANS TO APPROACH ALITALIA ABOUT RESUMING THE ABORTED INTERCARRIER TALKS ON THE 1975 SUMMER CAPACITY. THE EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY ENCOURAGE ALITALIA TO ENTER ANY CAPACITY TALKS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS MODEST MUTUAL CAPACITY REDUCTIONS.

3. FYI: WITH REGARD TO CIVILAVIA'S CONCERN WITH TIMELY FILING OF SCHEDULES (REF C), US SHARES THIS CONCERN. THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY FILED SCHEDULES ON TIME WHILE GOI FILINGS HAVE USUALLY BEEN LATE, E.G. THE PRELIMINARY GOI FOR 1975 SUMMER SEASON. KISSINGER

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